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MANUFACTURING APPARATUS,
ANNEALING METHOD AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF
ELECTRONIC DEVICE)

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The documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached Japanese Patent Office Action, mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on September 27,

2005 in counterpart Japanese Application No. P2003-181731, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose an English language version of the Japanese Patent Office Action, citing the documents and setting forth their relevance. An English language abstract of each listed document is also enclosed.

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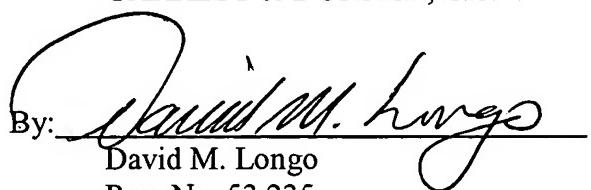
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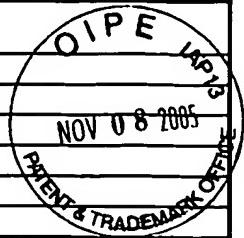
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